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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

To: Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Title: CENTER BEAM CAR WITH DEEP UPPER BEAM  
STRUCTURE  
Inventors: James W. Forbes  
Assignee: National Steel Car  
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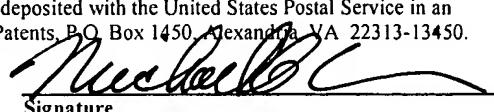
**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**  
**AND**  
**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

This letter is responsive to the Office Action of June 2, 2005, and is timely filed before the due date of July 5, 2005.

- 1) Amendments to the Description: Begin on page 2.
- 2) Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- 3) Amendments to the Drawings: None
- 4) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope with sufficient postage as first class mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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